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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Attention: Document Control Desk
Washington, D.C. 20555

Subject: Duke Energy Corporation
Catawba Nuclear Station, Unit 1
Docket Number 50-413
Withdrawal of Proposed Technical Specifications
(TS) Amendment
TS 3.3.2, Engineered Safety Feature Actuation
System (ESFAS) Instrumentation
TS 3.6.6, Containment Spray System

Reference: Letter from Duke Energy Corporation to NRC,
dated October 15, 2003

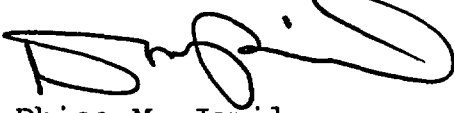
The reference letter requested an exigent amendment to the Catawba Nuclear Station Unit 1 Facility Operating License and TS. The proposed amendment would have modified the TS to allow, for a limited period of time, operation of Unit 1 with only one operable train of the Containment Spray System. It also would have extended the surveillance test interval associated with TS Surveillance Requirement (SR) 3.3.2.7 for a limited period of time. This proposed amendment was requested to support the operation of Unit 1 until the End of Cycle 14 Refueling Outage.

On October 21, 2003, at 2106 hours, the inoperable train of the Containment Spray System was restored to operable status. The train was restored prior to the expiration of a Notice of Enforcement Discretion previously granted by the NRC on October 8, 2003. Therefore, the proposed amendment is no longer necessary. Accordingly, by this letter, Duke Energy Corporation is withdrawing the proposed amendment.

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